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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

CHRISTOPER KOHLS,

Plaintiff,

v.

ROB BONTA, ET AL.,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:24-cv-02527-JAM-CKD

**STIPULATION AND ORDER  
CONSOLIDATING CASES**

**Judge:** John A. Mendez

THE BABYLON BEE, LLC, ET AL.

Plaintiffs,

v.

ROB BONTA, ET AL.

Defendants.

Case No. 2:24-cv-02787-JAM-CKD

STIPULATION

1. This Court recognized that the above-entitled actions are related within the meaning of Local Rule 123. Dkt. 44.

2. Plaintiffs in both above-entitled actions challenge the same two California statutes: AB 2839 (Cal. Elec. Code § 20012) and AB 2655 (Cal. Elec. Code § 20510).

3. Plaintiffs in both above-entitled actions bring the same or similar constitutional claims against the same Defendants: California Attorney General Rob Bonta and Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber.

4. All parties in the above-entitled matters consent to consolidation of these actions.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereby STIPULATE that:

5. The above-entitled actions shall be consolidated.

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ROB BONTA, in his official capacity as  
Attorney General of the State of  
California, and SHIRLEY N. WEBER, in  
her official capacity as California  
Secretary of State,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:24-cv-02527-JAM-CKD

**ORDER CONSOLIDATING CASES**

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CHANG RICKERT,

Plaintiffs,

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ROB BONTA, in his official capacity as  
Attorney General of the State of  
California, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:24-cv-02787-JAM-CKD

Before the Court is Plaintiffs The Babylon Bee, LLC and Kelly Chang Rickert, Plaintiff Christopher Kohls, and Defendants Rob Bonta and Shirley N Weber's stipulation to consolidate *The Babylon Bee, LLC v. Bonta*, No. 2:24-cv-2787-JAM-CKD, with *Kohls v. Bonta*, No. 2:24-cv-02527-JAM-CKD. Good cause appearing, the Court makes the following orders:

1. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 42, the actions denominated as Kohls v. Bonta, et al. Case No. 2:24-cv-02527-JAM-CKD and The Babylon Bee, LLC, et al v. Feldstein Soto, et al., Case No. 2:24-cv-02787-JAM-CKD are hereby **CONSOLIDATED**;

2. Case No. 2:24-cv-02527-JAM-CKD is designated as the "master file;"

3. The Clerk of the Court is **DIRECTED** to add all complaints and answers filed in Case No. 2:24-cv-02787-JAM-CKD to the master file;

4. The Clerk of the Court is **DIRECTED** to **ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSE** Case No. 2:24-cv-02787-JAM-CKD; and

5. The parties are **DIRECTED** to file all future pleadings, motions and other filings **ONLY** in Case No. 2:24-cv-02527-JAM-CKD.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 24, 2024

/s/ John A. Mendez

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THE HONORABLE JOHN A. MENDEZ  
SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE